

## Question on Notice

No. 1529

Asked on Tuesday 15 October 2019

**MR S MINNIKIN** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

### QUESTION:

With reference to public transport to and from the Brisbane Airport—

Will the Minister advise (a) if there are any contracts, agreements or deeds afoot within the Transport and Main Roads Department or any other part of the Queensland Government that relate to the provision of bus services and, if so, (b) the existence of any exclusive rights or arrangements in place that would preclude the introduction of new bus services, (c) the scope of these arrangements and (d) the expiry date for any exclusivity provisions?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Chatsworth for the question.

The State, acting through the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), is party to the Brisbane Airport Rail Line (BARL) Deed with Airtrain.

The BARL Deed is a commercial arrangement for operation of the railway between Eagle Junction and Domestic and International Airport stations, including the provision of passenger rail services. It also outlines the State's obligations in relation to the provision of other land-based public transport services to and from the Brisbane Airport. The BARL Deed commenced in 1998 and is due to expire in 2036.

Under the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994*, there are market entry restrictions on the provision of road-based general route services at Brisbane Airport. The Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Regulation 2018 provides that an operator must have a service contract with TMR to be able to provide a scheduled passenger service to Brisbane Airport.

Airtrain currently offers discounted weekly tickets for \$37 per week, or 20 tickets for \$120, for Brisbane Airport precinct employees travelling on BARL. TMR does not receive any revenue from these ticket types.

TMR has a service contract with Con-X-ion which gives exclusive rights to Con-X-ion to operate road-based general route services to and from Brisbane Airport. This service contract will expire on 22 October 2020.